**Department of Industrial Relations**
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Reporting Date Disability Began (DN 56) on Temporary Disability Payments (Updated)**

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In an effort to reduce the percentage of transaction rejected (TR) and transaction accepted with errors (TE) acknowledgments, and to improve the overall quality and completeness of First Reports of Injury and Subsequent Reports of Injury (FROI/SROI) data, the Workers' Compensation Information System (WCIS) periodically issues training bulletins outlining some of the most common errors and procedural oversights. An archive of the bulletins is available.

**Date Disability Began (DN 56) Needed to Complete SROI Payment Records.**

Over the past year, nearly 50% of claims that reported the start of temporary disability (TD) benefit payments did not include a Date Disability Began (DDB, DN 56). The DDB is essential for the Workers' Compensation Information System (WCIS) to accurately evaluate the timeliness and effectiveness of benefits delivered to injured workers. Regulations concerning the timeliness of benefit payments and notices are published in Title 8, California Code of Regulations section 9812.

The California EDI Implementation Guide for FROI/SROI version 3.0 (Section K, page 56) requires that trading partners submit the DDB (DN 56) on the FROI Maintenance Type Codes (MTC, DN 2) 00 (Original), AU (Acquired/Unallocated), 04 (Denial), 02 (Change), and CO (Correction), if disability has occurred by the time the FROI is submitted.

The California EDI Implementation Guide for FROI/SROI version 3.0 (Section K, page 69) also requires that trading partners submit the DDB (DN 56) on the SROI MTCs IP (Initial Payment), AP (Acquired Payment), FS (Full Salary), CB (Change in Benefit), RB (Reinstatement of Benefit), 02 (Change), CO (Correction), or UR (Upon Request), when reporting Payment/Adjustment Codes (DN85) for Temporary Total (050), Temporary Partial (070), or Temporary Total Catastrophic (051) benefits.

**Other notes and rules for Reporting DDB (DN 56):**

- The DDB must be greater than <u>or equal</u> to the Date of Injury (DN 31), unless it is a cumulative trauma claim with a previously accepted FROI Nature of Injury Code (DN 35) between 60 and 80. Failure to report the correct DDB and Date of Injury sequence will result in error code, *034 - must be >= Date of Injury.*

- The DDB must always be less than or equal to the MTC Date (DN 3). Failure to report the correct DDB and MTC Date sequence will result in error code, *037 - must be <= Maintenance Type Code date.*

- <u>The Date Last Worked (DN 65) must be less than or equal to DDB.</u>

- <u>The Date of Return to Work (DN 68) must be greater than or equal to DDB.</u>

- <u>The Date of Maximum Medical Improvement (DN 72) must be greater than or equal to DDB.</u>

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If trading partners have comments about this training bulletin or would like to suggest topics for future training bulletins, they can do so by e-mailing wcis@dir.ca.gov.

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